

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Will,

Thanks ever so much for your most thoughtful letter of congratulations. I need and appreciate the support of good friends like yourself because the challenge ahead is great. I'll do my best to live up to your and the President's expectations.

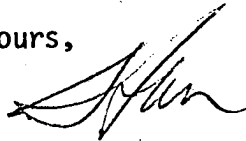
I'm sorry you were unable to attend the change of command ceremony. As you can imagine, as fast as things were happening, I almost didn't make it myself!

Thanks for the kind words concerning [redacted]

[redacted] He has already proven an invaluable asset during my transition and now that I am somewhat settled into the job.

Again, many thanks and all the best.

Yours,



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